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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (ITEM 10)

1. PROGRESS ON THE CONSENSUS AGREEMENT HIT A SNAG FRIDAY, JULY 15, WHEN THE GABONESE (IN GENEVA) WITHIN THE AFRICAN GROUP CONTEXT, REASSERTED THEIR CLAIM MADE AT THE OAU CONFERENCE FOR THE SECRETARIAT HEADQUARTERS. WHILE THE GABONESE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE BACKGROUND, THE KENYANS HAVE REGULARLY STATED THAT THEY REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING WITH GABON AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON THIS SUBJECT. THE KENYANS INITIALLY CONSIDERED THIS A TEMPORARY COMMUNICATION PROBLEM BETWEEN LIBREVILLE AND GENEVA, BUT APPARENTLY THERE IS MORE TO IT. (CONTACTS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE IN PROCESS.) IN ANY CASE THE KENYANS AND THE GABONESE WILL HAVE TO SORT THIS OUT BETWEEN THEMSELVES. (FYI. NOTWITHSTANDING THE RESULTS OF THE INTER-AFRICAN DISCUSSIONS, NO ONE ELSE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERS LIBREVILLE AS A POSSIBLE SECRETARIAT

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SITE. END FYI.)

2. BASED ON THE AFRICAN INTERNAL DIFFERENCES, THE WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO DEFER ITS MONDAY, JULY 18, MEETING UNTIL THE QUESTION IS RESOLVED. (AS OF WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 20, IT WAS STILL UNSOLVED.)

3. THE EFFECT OF THE DELAY HAS, ON THE ONE HAND, OFFERED THE CANADIANS AND SWEDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO CAPITALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT HAS SLOWED THE MOMENTUM FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONSENSUS PROPOSAL. THE MEXICANS HAVE INDICATED IN THE CORRIDORS THAT THEY WILL REOFFER GUADALAJARA IF THE AFRICAN GROUP FAILS TO DECIDE ON NAIROBI; THE SOVIETS ARE SOUNDING INCREASINGLY NEGATIVE, PREFERRING DEFERRAL OF THE ENTIRE QUESTION EITHER TO THE 31ST UNGA OR A RESUMED 63RD ECOSOC; AND THE ITALIANS ARE SPEAKING ABOUT A STRAIGHT UNEP SOLUTION.

4. AT THIS POINT ALL WE CAN DO IS CONTINUE TO INDICATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE COMPROMISE AS THE ONLY POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF THE ITEM, AND AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE AFRICAN GROUP DELIBERATIONS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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